

**Federal Highway Administration****23 CFR Parts 470, 635, and 655****[FHWA Docket No. FHWA–2020–0001]****RIN 2125-AF85****National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Revision**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: FHWA is extending the comment period for a notice of proposed amendments (NPA) and request for comments, which was published on December 14, 2020 in the Federal Register. The original comment period is set to close on March 15, 2021. The extension is based on concern expressed by a number of stakeholders that, as a result of the scope and complexity of the NPA, the March 15, 2021, closing date does not provide sufficient time to review and provide comprehensive comments. The FHWA recognizes that others interested in commenting may have similar concerns and agrees that the comment period should be extended. Therefore, the closing date for comments is changed to May 14, 2021, which will provide stakeholders and others interested in commenting additional time to discuss, evaluate, and submit responses to the docket.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 14, 2021. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that you do not duplicate your docket submissions, please submit them by only one of the following means:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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<https://www.federalregister.gov>.

Background

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) is incorporated in FHWA regulations and recognized as the national standard for traffic control devices used on all public roads. On December 14, 2020, at 85 FR 80898, FHWA published in the Federal Register an NPA proposing to revise standards,

guidance, options, and supporting information relating to the traffic control devices in all parts of the MUTCD. The original comment period for the NPA closes on March 15, 2021. Stakeholders have expressed concern that this closing date does not provide sufficient time to review and provide comprehensive comments on the proposal. The FHWA recognizes that others interested in commenting may have similar concerns and agrees that the comment period should be extended by 60 days for these organizations and others to submit comprehensive comments. The closing date is changed from March 15, 2021, to May 14, 2021.

Authority: Sections 1525 and 1303 of Pub. L. 112-141, Sec. 1503 of Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144; 23 U.S.C. 101, 103(b)(2), 103(c), 104, 109, 112, 113, 114, 116, 119, 128, 134, 135, 217, 315 and 402(a); 31 U.S.C. 6505; 42 U.S.C. 3334, 4601 et seq.; Sec. 1041(a), Pub. L. 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914; 23 CFR 1.32; 49 CFR 1.85(a)(1).

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